archaeological research. The site has been brought under central protection in August, 2003; the excavation together with training programme as well as simultaneous conservation has been resumed; and an archaeological complex consisting of an orientation centre, an audience hall, a cafeteria, a field office and lodging accommodation in a garden setting is nearing completion; telephone connection has been provided; better power supply is ensured, besides the construction of a tourism complex by the Gujarat State Government. Furthermore, Dholavira has already started appearing on the world map due to the immense significance of its archaeological heritage of the Harappan civilization. However, different items of work of research and development are to be an ongoing process.

Display of Nizam's jewels

762. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to display Nizam's Jewels in Hyderabad permanently; and

(b) if so, by when the matter would be finalised and decide the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh *vide* his letter dated 3rd July, 2003 has suggested that the jewels may be displayed permanently at Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, where a Gems and Jewellery Park is being set up by the State Government.

A final decision on permanent display of these jewels and its probable location can be taken only after safety and security aspects of the jewels as also the expenditure involved are thoroughly examined in consultation with all authorities concerned.

Pilgrimages in Uttaranchal under ASI

†763. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government have a proposal to notify ancient Hindu pilgrimages Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri in Uttaranchal as protected sites under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also proposed to ASI to maintain and beautify these spots; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A team of field office at Dehradun has visited the sites for compilation of revenue data and preparation of site plans.

(c) and (d) The conservation, preservation, day-to-day maintenance and creating environmental development around the monument of national importance are carried out as per archaeological principles by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Central assistance to Orissa tourism industry

764. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourism sector in Kerala is set to witness a boom and the State is expecting a decisive spurt in foreign tourists arrival;

(b) whether any help has been rendered by the Central Government to States to boost tourism industry;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether the Central Government propose to extend such a help to the cash-strapped Orissa tourism industry to boost its economy, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the year 2002-03, 212 projects amounting to Rs. 111.21 crore and in the year 2003-04, 91 projects amounting to Rs. 103.88 crore have been sanctioned to various States in the country.